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FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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OFFICES OF REVENUE DEPTT. ON RENTED PREMISES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of offices under Central Board of Direct Taxes and Central Board of Excise and Customs that are running from the rented premises in the country;

(b) the expenditure incurred by the Government on the payment of rent on the said premises;

(c) whether arrangements have been made for constructing offices in place of the rented premises; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has hired 573 office premises. Information in respect of Central Board of Excise & Customs (CBEC) is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b): CBDT has has been allocated Rupees 250 crore for the Financial Year 2007-08. towards rent. CBEC has paid Rupees 53.52 crore for rent of office premises as on 31.12.2006.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The Government is continuously receiving and processing proposals from field formations and issuing sanctions for constructing office buildings in lieu of rented premises wherever it is justified by cost benefit analysis. During the current Financial Year till date sanctions amounting to Rs. 9.18 crore has been accorded towards construction of own office buildings for the Income Tax Department.